

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) Town of Arlington Veterans Memorial Park Revitalization Project, Phase I RFP # 23-51

The Arlington Department of Health and Human Services (AHHS), acting through the Town Manager, is requesting proposals from qualified individuals and firms for Landscape Design Services to implement Phase I of the Veterans Memorial Park Plan for the Town of Arlington.

Proposals will be received until **2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2023**, at the Office of the Town Manager/Purchasing Department, Town Hall Annex -2^{nd} floor, 730 Massachusetts Ave, Arlington, Massachusetts, 02476. Proposals delivered after the appointed time and date will not be considered.

Five (5) copies of the proposal shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the words "RFP #23-51 Landscape Design Services/Veterans Memorial Park Revitalization Project, Phase I," and one (1) copy of the price proposal shall be submitted in a separate sealed envelope marked "RFP #23-51 Landscape Design Services/Veterans Memorial Park Revitalization Project, Phase I – Price Proposal".

A copy of the RFP is available for download from the Town's website http://arlingtonma.gov/purchasing.

A briefing on the RFP and the scope of work is scheduled for **Monday, October 2, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Veterans Memorial Park Site and the Central Fire Station Conference Room located at 411 Massachusetts Ave, Arlington. All prospective proposers are encouraged to attend.

Questions about the RFP may be submitted via email to the Town's Purchasing Agent, Mary Ellen De Natale, at mdenatale@town.arlington.ma.us no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2023. Interpretations or clarification of the RFP, if any, will be made by addendum and posted to the Town's website. Proposers are solely responsible for obtaining any and all addenda before proposals are due. Failure by a proposer to acknowledge each and every addendum in the proposal may result in rejection of that proposal.

The Town reserves the right to cancel any request for proposals, and to reject in whole or in part any and all proposals, when it is deemed in the best interests of the Town to do so.

James Feeney Town Manager

September 21, 2023

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

TOWN OF ARLINGTON Landscape Design Services Veterans Memorial Park Revitalization Project, Phase I

Responses Due: October 10, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Late Responses Will Be Rejected

Deliver Complete Responses To: Town Manager

Town Manager's/Purchasing Dept.

Town Hall Annex 2nd floor 730 Massachusetts Avenue Arlington, MA 02476

For Further Information Please Contact: Mary Ellen De Natale, 781-316-3003

mdenatale@town.arlington.ma.us

RFP No. 23-51

I. OVERVIEW/ PURPOSE/ PROJECT GOALS

The Town of Arlington, acting through its Department of Health and Human Services (hereinafter referred to as AHHS), seeks proposals from Landscape Designers for final design plans and construction documents for the Veterans Memorial Park adjacent to 411 Massachusetts Avenue. The Veterans Memorial Park is managed by Arlington's Department of Veterans Services (ADVS) and the Town's Select Board.

The process of advancing from the conceptual plan to a final design will be the responsibility of the Landscape Designer and will be overseen by several Town officials and governmental entities, including the Town Manager, the Select Board, Arlington's Veterans' Services, Arlington Veterans Council, the Arlington Historical Commission, and the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

A major focal point of this park will be the construction of an "Honor Roll" which will be the memorial acknowledging the service of all Arlington veterans. Designs should be of sufficient size to incorporate 13,000 names with the ability to add additional names for future inclusion. Competing firms should have staff/sub-consultants experienced in designing monuments. The design of this park should incorporate the Honor Roll with an area to conduct public ceremonies, and an urban park for residents to visit. The existing granite monument is to be incorporated in all designs. Designs should include flag poles for the following flags: American Flag, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, and POW/MIA.

The process will include opportunities for community input as the final design plans are developed, including engagement opportunities prior to issuance of the 50% design plan. The 50% design plan will be reviewed by the ADVS, Veterans Council, Town Manager, and presented at a Select Board meeting for their review and feedback. The feedback will be incorporated, and the final plan will be reviewed and approved by ADVS, Veterans Council, Town Manager and the Select Board prior to proceeding with development of construction documents.

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Town is governed by a five-member Select Board and Representative Town Meeting. Daily management is vested in a Town Manager appointed by the Select Board. Planning and development is controlled by Massachusetts General Law, the Arlington Town Manager Act, the Town Bylaws, and the Arlington Zoning Bylaw. The Arlington Department of Veterans Services (ADVS) is a division of Arlington Health and Human Services (AHHS). The Department of Veterans Services worked with a firm to develop preliminary conceptual renderings, attached hereto.

III. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Landscape Designer will, to the maximum extent feasible, utilize the conceptual plan approved by the Select Board in the November 7, 2022, meeting. The Landscape Designer will work closely with all stakeholders. Four (4) project meetings as well as hearings with the Select Board, Town Manager, ADVS, and the Veterans Council. The Landscape Designer will work with staff to keep Town officials and the community well informed by assisting Town staff in implementing a successful community outreach plan and provide content and materials for the Town's website. An updated tree survey will be required.

The following outline is offered to describe the general extent of services to be provided by the Landscape Design Consultant. This outline is not all-inclusive, and the Consultant will include in the proposal any tasks or alternatives and services deemed necessary to satisfactorily complete the project.

A. Park Plan Implementation, Costs, and Schedule

It is anticipated that the Landscape Designer will provide and adhere to a realistic budget and timeline for implementing final design plans and construction documents.

B. Construction Administration

The Landscape Designer will assist with the public bidding and construction administration process.

C. Staff Role

AHHS and ADVS will be closely involved, but the Landscape Designer is expected to devote the time needed to create final design plans and construction documents and participate in meetings as needed for approval and implementation of the Veterans Memorial Park Plan. Staff will take primary responsibility for scheduling meetings, posting notices for meetings, making presentations at most meetings, preparing meeting minutes, and attending all meetings. Staff will provide any reasonably necessary baseline data and any other relevant materials needed by the Consultant.

IV. PROJECT SCHEDULE

The Town anticipates a project start after contract signing in Fall 2023. A construction start date is dependent upon various funding sources, with an official date to be determined.

The Landscape Designer is expected to complete the project based on the anticipated schedule above. If the Consultant believes that the Project cannot meet the schedule noted above, this should be outlined in the Proposal.

V. DELIVERABLES

The Landscape Designer will provide up to four iterations of the plan at 25%, 50%, 75% and 100% final design plan and construction documents. One full copy of each phase shall be provided. The final version of each deliverable should be submitted in electronic format. All images should be in Microsoft Office compatible format. The final park plan should be delivered via PDF and AutoCAD. Any GIS data created by the consultant and used in any maps in the final version shall also be provided. All materials will become the property of the Town of Arlington.

VI. LANDSCAPE DESIGN QUALIFICATIONS

At a minimum, the proposing firm/team must meet the following requirements:

- 1. The firm/project manager/team must have at least five (5) years of experience in advancing projects from a conceptual plan to a final design, creating final design plans and construction documents for public parks.
- 2. Successful completion of a minimum of three (3) comparable projects within the last five (5) years is required, and completion of five (5) overall is desired.
- **3.** The firm/team must have proven experience in the public sector.
- **4.** The firm/team must have a minimum of two (2) projects incorporating public memorials.
- 5. The volume of the proposed project manager's and firm's current and projected workload must not adversely affect its ability to immediately initiate work and to follow through with the project in a timely and professional manner. The firm and all team members must be capable of devoting a significant amount of time to this project in order to complete the work within the schedule outlined in this RFP.

VII. SELECTION CRITERIA

The Town will award the contract to the Landscape Designer offering the most advantageous response to this RFP, taking into consideration all evaluation criteria. The selection process will include an evaluation procedure based on the criteria identified below. Finalists will be required to appear for an interview.

1. Staffing Plan and Methodology, including the professional qualifications of all project personnel with particular attention to training, educational background, professional certification or registration, and professional experience. Demonstrated expertise and experience of the Principal-in-Charge, Project Manager, and other key personnel, and any Landscape Designer to be assigned to the Project, including professional registration of the Landscape Designer and their qualifications.

Highly Advantageous: The plan of services proposes a detailed, logical, and highly efficient scheme for producing a complete project as outlined in the Scope of Services and Project Deliverables and meets all the minimum applicant qualifications detailed in Section VI, "Landscape Designer Qualifications".

Advantageous: The plan of services proposes a credible scheme for producing a complete project as outlined in the Scope of Services and Project Deliverables and meets all the minimum applicant qualifications detailed in Section VI, "Landscape Designer Qualifications".

Not Advantageous: The plan of services is not sufficiently detailed to fully evaluate, or the plan does not contain all the components necessary for producing a complete project as outlined in the Scope of Services and Project Deliverables and meets all the minimum applicant qualifications detailed in Section VI, "Landscape Designer Qualifications".

Unacceptable: The plan of services does not meet all the minimum applicant qualifications detailed in Section VI, "Landscape Designer Qualifications".

2. Depth of experience with similar projects, including public memorials, and prior experience with public contracts and relevant local planning projects.

Highly Advantageous: The Landscape Designer has at least seven (7) years of experience consulting with Massachusetts municipalities on projects of similar size and scope to this project. The Landscape Designer can demonstrate the successful completion of five (5) similar projects within the last five (5) years.

Advantageous: The Landscape Designer has at least five (5) years of experience on projects of similar size and scope to this project. The Landscape Designer can demonstrate the successful completion of three (3) similar projects within the last five (5) years.

Not Advantageous: The Landscape Designer has less than four (4) years of experience but more than one (1) year consulting on projects of similar size and scope to this project. The Landscape Designer can demonstrate the successful completion of two (2) similar projects within the last five (5) years.

Unacceptable: The Landscape Designer has less than four (4) years of experience consulting on projects of similar size and scope to this project. The Landscape Designer cannot demonstrate the successful completion of similar projects.

3. Desirability of approach to the project, as well as a demonstrated understanding of all project components and public outreach needs.

Highly Advantageous: The response contains a clear and comprehensive plan that addresses all of the details included in the Scope of Services and Project Deliverables as stated in the RFP.

Advantageous: The response contains a clear plan that addresses most of the details included in the Scope of Services and Project Deliverables as stated in the RFP.

Not Advantageous: The response does not contain a clear plan to address many of the details included in the Scope of Services and Project Deliverables as stated in the RFP.

Unacceptable: The response does not contain any plan to address the details included in the Scope of Services and Project Deliverables as stated in the RFP.

4. Demonstrated ability to meet project budget and project schedule.

Highly Advantageous: All of the Landscape Designers references indicate that the projects were completed within budget and on schedule or with minimal, insignificant delays.

Advantageous: One of the Landscape Designers references indicates that the project was not completed within budget attributable to the Consultant or with substantial delays attributable to the Consultant, and no current project or project completed in the last three years experienced substantial delays attributable to the Consultant

Not Advantageous: Two of the Landscape Designers references indicate that the project was not completed within budget attributable to the Consultant or was completed with substantial delays attributable to the Consultant, and no current project or project completed in the last year experienced substantial delays attributable to the Consultant.

Unacceptable: More than two of the Landscape Designers references indicate that the project was not completed within budget attributable to the Consultant or was completed with substantial delays attributable to the Consultant.

VIII. SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Interested qualified firms must submit one electronic copy of the proposal marked "RFP Landscape Designer Services/ Veterans Memorial Park Revitalization Project, Phase I Proposal" addressing the objectives, scope and schedule described in this RFP. Responses must include each of the following:

- 1. General description of the firm/team's experience.
- 2. Description, with examples, of the firm/team's experience in advancing projects from conceptual plans to a final design and construction. A detailed scope of services for the proposed work, including the firm/team's general approach to such work, evidence of the firm/team's understanding of the goals and objectives of the project, and methodology for accomplishing the tasks as listed in this RFP.
- **3.** An outline of the schedule for completion of tasks (timeline) as presented in the firm/team's approach to the scope of services.
- **4.** Description of or resumes for the assigned staffs' experience, educational background, availability, and chain of responsibility, including the name and title of the principal and project manager assigned to the project, names of all subconsultants, and resumes of all personnel to be associated with the project.
- 5. At least three (3) references, including name, title, agency, address, description of project, project cost, and telephone number and the email address for clients with similar projects completed by the Consultant within the last five years (including dates).
- **6.** Other pertinent information about the firm(s) that would aid the Town in making a selection.
- 7. Completed Attachments in Section X Required Forms (not included in pagelimit).
- **8.** Evidence of insurance coverage, including general and professional liability and Workers' Compensation insurance as shown in Attachment E.

Additionally, a sealed submission of one (1) copy clearly marked "RFP # 23-51 Landscape Designer Services/ Veterans Memorial Park Revitalization Project, Phase I - Price Proposal" with the following:

- 1. Completed Price Proposal Form (attached).
- **2.** Estimated breakdown of professional service fees (including expenses), assigned project staff and hourly billing rates of all staff assigned to provide services (including any sub-consultants).

Proposals must clearly address all submittal requirements; that is, the response should include a section addressing all of the minimum qualifications, the minimum submittal requirements, and each of the review criteria. The proposal will be reviewed based on each of these items and it will be to the benefit of the responder to clearly address each of the items. Where the requirements specify a minimum level of experience, indicate the dates of said experience.

A committee will be convened to review proposals. Committee members will be drawn from Town staff, Veterans Council, and may include other community members.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any non- material irregularities or information in any proposal, and to accept or reject any item or combination of items. The Town also reserves the right to seek additional information and revised proposals prior to selection of a Landscape Designer through written notice to all of the respondents.

Questions may be submitted in writing to Mary Ellen De Natale, Purchasing Agent, at mdenatale@town.arlington.ma.us by **4:00 p.m. on October 2, 2023**.

Proposals must be received by the time and date and at the location specified herein. Late responses will not be accepted.

IX. PROJECT FUNDING

Landscape Designers must complete the attached Price Proposal Form under separate cover. Project fees must be provided for each Project Component of work as described in the Scope of Services. Fees shown will include all costs and expenses (copying, mileage, photographs, maps, etc.) to complete the Scope of Services defined in this RFP. Also, the selected Consultant will be required to submit invoices identifying hours, expenses and total cost by specific tasks. The final contract scope, price and fee will be negotiated with the highest ranked responder.

X. REQUIRED FORMS

All required forms must be submitted with the proposal.

- A. Certificate of Non-Collusion
- B. Certificate of Tax Compliance

CERTIFICATE OF NON-COLLUSION FORM

TOWN OF ARLINGTON Veterans Memorial Park Revitalization Project, Phase I

The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that this bid or proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

Signature of Individual Submitti	ing Bid or Proposal
Name of Individual Submitting I	Bid or Proposal
Name of Business	
Date	
BY STATE LAW THIS NON-COLLUPROPOSAL.	USION FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED WITH THE BID OR
	RTIFICATE OF TAX COMPLIANCE FORM TOWN OF ARLINGTON erans Memorial Park Revitalization Project, Phase I
	Section 49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that I have complied ealth of Massachusetts relating to taxes, reporting of employees and and remitting child support.
Social Security Number or Federal Identification Number	Signature and Title of Individual or Responsible Corporate Officer

PRICE PROPOSAL FORM

RFP # 23-51

Landscape Design Services TOWN OF ARLINGTON Veterans Memorial Park Revitalization Project, Phase I

CONTRACTOR:	Town Manager Town of Arlington 730 Massachusetts Av Arlington, MA 02476	enue
PROPOSER:		
PROJECT : Landscape De Project, Phase I	esign Services for Arlingto	on's Veterans memorial Park Revitalization
Proposed Price (in word	ds):	
Proposed Price (in num	bers):\$	
	d budget and breakdown taff and hourly billing rat	by planning element of professional service es of staff.
Print Name		Title
Signed		Date

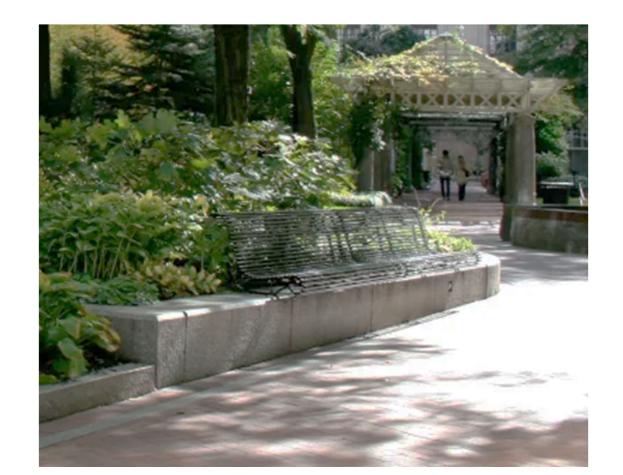
PREFERRED VISION DRAFT PLAN







Boundary Fence behind Granite Curb



Seatwall Benches



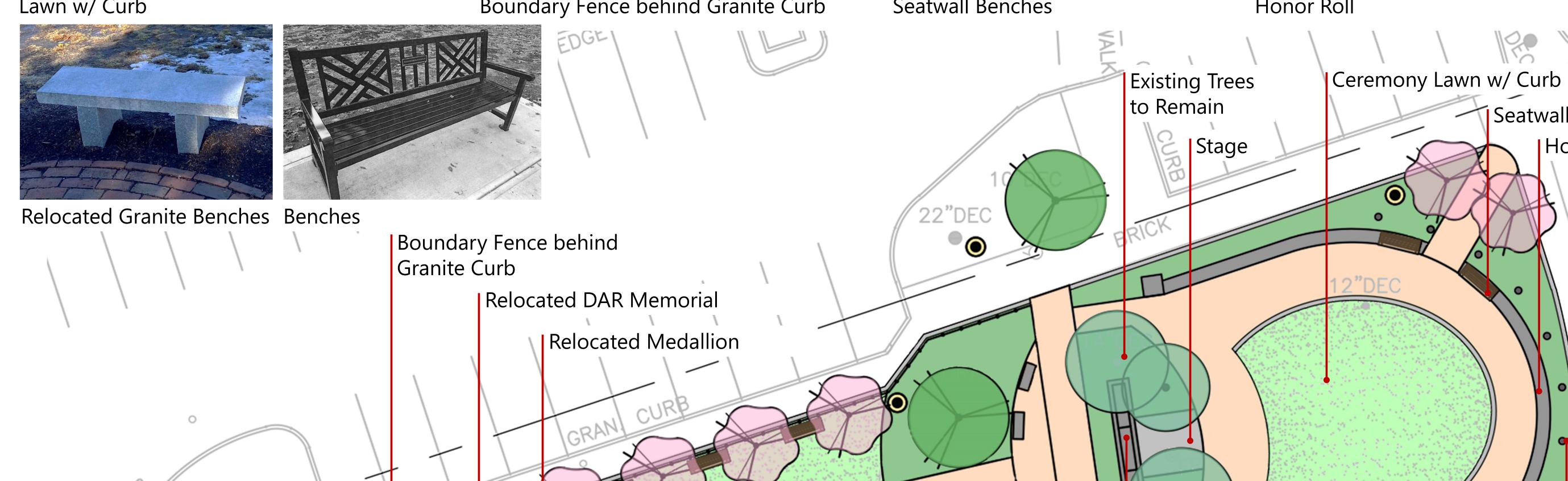
Seatwall Benches

| Honor Roll

Honor Roll



Existing Lightpoles



BRIC GRAN. CURB Existing Lightpoles **Existing Monument** Lawn Existing Civil War Monument Relocated Granite Benches Shrub Beds Benches Proposed Shade Trees



80 Feet

Flagpoles (10)

Proposed Flowering Trees



ARLINGTON VETERANS PARK

CONSTRUCTION BUDGET

OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST

Project: ARLINGTON VETERANS PARKComputed By: CW

 Project #:
 15628
 Checked By:
 MK

Date: 08/12/22

 Location:
 Massachusetts Avenue at Broadw
 Revised:

 Location:
 Arlington, MA
 Revised:

A. MAJOR ITEMS

Item Description	Units	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost	Section Cost
Division 1 - General Requirements					\$14,620.00
EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL - SILT FENCE	l.f.	450	\$4.00	\$1,800.00	
TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION SIGNAGE	ea.	4	\$55.00	\$220.00	
PROJECT IDENTIFICATION SIGN	ea.	1	\$600.00	\$600.00	
TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION FENCE	l.f.	450	\$25.00	\$11,250.00	
INLET PROTECTION	ea.	3	\$250.00	\$750.00	
Division 2 - Existing Conditions					\$18,550.00
SITE DEMOLITION - REMOVAL BRICK PATH	s.f.	475	\$8.00	\$3,800.00	
SITE DEMOLITION - REMOVAL OF BRICK HONOR ROLL	l.f.	300	\$7.00	\$2,100.00	
SITE DEMOLITION - REMOVAL OF CANNONBALLS/BLUESTONE PAVERS/MISC.	l.f.	150	\$5.00	\$750.00	
SITE DEMOLITION - REMOVAL OF EXISTING TREES	ea.	7	\$1,700.00	\$11,900.00	
Division 31 - Earthwork		•			\$5,000.00
ROUGH GRADING	l.s.	1	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
FINISH GRADING	l.s.	1	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Division 32 - Exterior Improvements	•		•	•	\$1,856,737.35
GRANITE HONOR ROLL MEMORIAL	l.f.	185	\$7,600.00	\$1,406,000.00	Ì
EXISTING GRANITE MEMORIAL CLEANING AND GOLD LEAF APPLICATION	e.a.	1	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	
EXISTING GRANITE MEMORIAL ENGRAVING BACK	e.a.	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
GRANITE LANDSCAPE CURBING	l.f.	417	\$60.00	\$25,020.00	
FLUSH GRANITE CURBING	l.f.	248	\$55.00	\$13,640.00	
GRANITE STAGE, 6" THICK, 9'X9'	s.f.	84	\$120.00	\$10,080.00	
ORNAMENTAL METAL BOUNDARY FENCE	l.f.	417	\$200.00	\$83,400.00	
PARK BENCH	e.a.	5	\$3,000.00	\$15,000.00	
TRASH & RECYCLING RECEPTACLES	e.a.	1	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	
FLAGPOLES, 20'	e.a.	10	\$1,500.00	\$15,000.00	
FLAGS	e.a.	20	\$41.00	\$820.00	
FLAGPOLE, CONCRETE BASE	e.a.	10	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00	
GRANITE PAVERS	s.f.	2,410	\$60.00	\$144,600.00	
REMOVE/RESET D.A.R. MEMORIAL	e.a.	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
REMOVE/RESET PAVER MEDALION	e.a.	1	\$500.00	\$500.00	
REMOVE/RESET GRANITE BENCHES	e.a.	3	\$300.00	\$900.00	
ADDITIONAL GRANITE BENCH TO MATCH, INSTALLED	e.a.	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
TOPSOIL, 6-INCH APPLICATION	c.y.	45	\$50.00	\$2,250.00	
STEEL LANDSCAPE EDGING	l.f.	150	\$5.00	\$750.00	

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PARK SIGN	e.a.	2	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	
PLANTING SOIL	c.y.	105	\$50.00	\$5,250.00	
GENERAL TURF ESTABLISHMENT	s.f.	2,003	\$0.75	\$1,502.25	
SHADE TREES (4.5" CAL.)	e.a.	13	\$4,500.00	\$58,500.00	
FLOWERING TREES (3" CAL.)	e.a.	8	\$1,500.00	\$12,000.00	
IRRIGATION SYSTEM	s.f.	4,841	\$1.10	\$5,325.10	
SHRUBS / PERENNIALS	l.s.	1	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00	
Division 33 - Utilities					\$73,000.00
ELECTRICAL ADJUSTMENTS/UPGRADES (ALLOWANCE)	l.s.	1	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	
REMOVE/RESET EXISTING SITE LIGHT POLES	e.a.	8	\$1,000.00	\$8,000.00	
LIGHITNG FOR MEMORIALS AND FLAGS (ALLOWANCE)	l.s.	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	
DRAINAGE (ALLOWANCE)	l.s.	1	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	

MAJOR ITEMS COST: \$1,967,907.35

B. LUMP SUM ITEMS (% OF "MAJOR ITEMS" AS INDICATED)

Item Description	Units	Quantity	Percentage	Cost
MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION OF TRAFFIC	l.s.	1	1.5%	\$29,518.61
MOBILIZATION AND PROJECT CLOSEOUT	l.s.	1	3%	\$59,037.22
CONSTRUCTION STAKING	l.s.	1	1%	\$19,679.07

LUMP SUM ITEMS COST: \$108,234.90

SUBTOTAL A+B: \$2,076,142.25

D. CONTINGENCY (15% +/-) \$311,421.34 E. OWNER'S CONTINGENCY (10% +/-) \$207,614.23

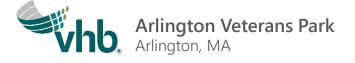
Total Base Project Cost: \$2,595,177.82

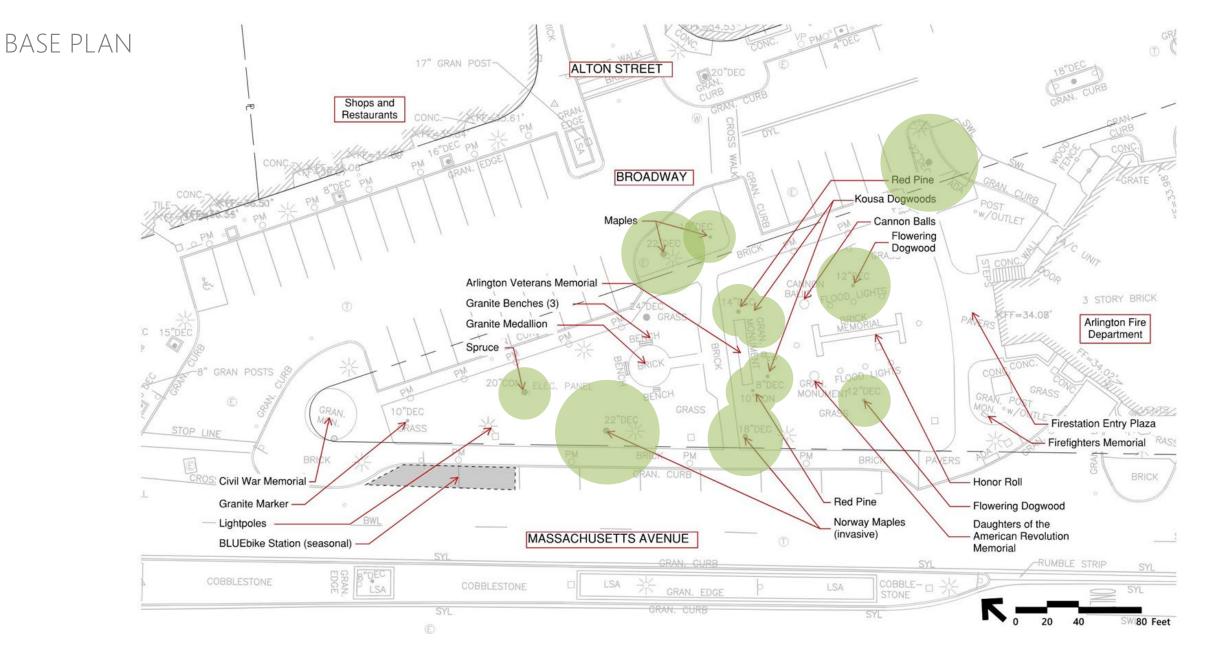
Say: \$2,596,000

STAKEHOLDER KICKOFF MEETING

AGENDA:

- Introductions
- Base Plan
- Site Photos
- Opportunities & Constraints
- Discussion







MEMORIALS | EXISTING CONDITIONS

Arlington Veterans Memorial with single flagpole

Honor Roll





Arlington
Daughters of
the American
Revolution

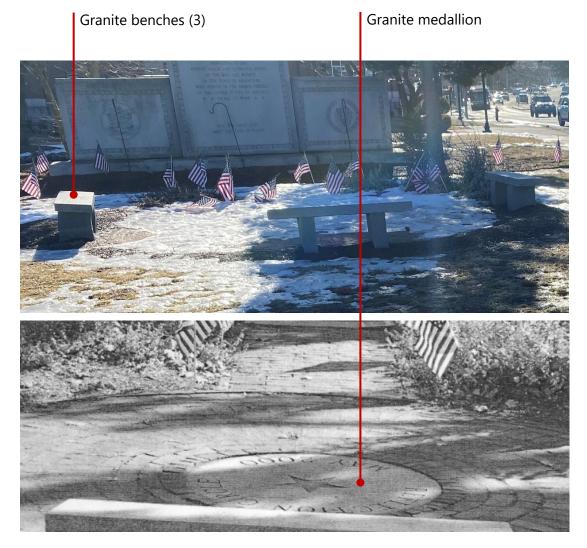


Arlington Firefighters





MEMORIALS | EXISTING CONDITIONS





Unknown marker



Cannon balls

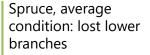
TREES | EXISTING CONDITIONS

Red Pine (2), good condition: full and even canopies



Norway Maple, poor condition: significant branch cut, water sprouts show stress, roots interfere with accessibility. Invasive.

Norway Maple, average condition, roots interfere with accessibility. Invasive.











TREES | EXISTING CONDITIONS

Red Maple, poor condition: large branch missing, leaning towards road

Red Maple, good condition









Kousa Dogwoods (2), good condition

Flowering Dogwoods (2), poor condition: significant wound, uneven canopy, smothered by mulch





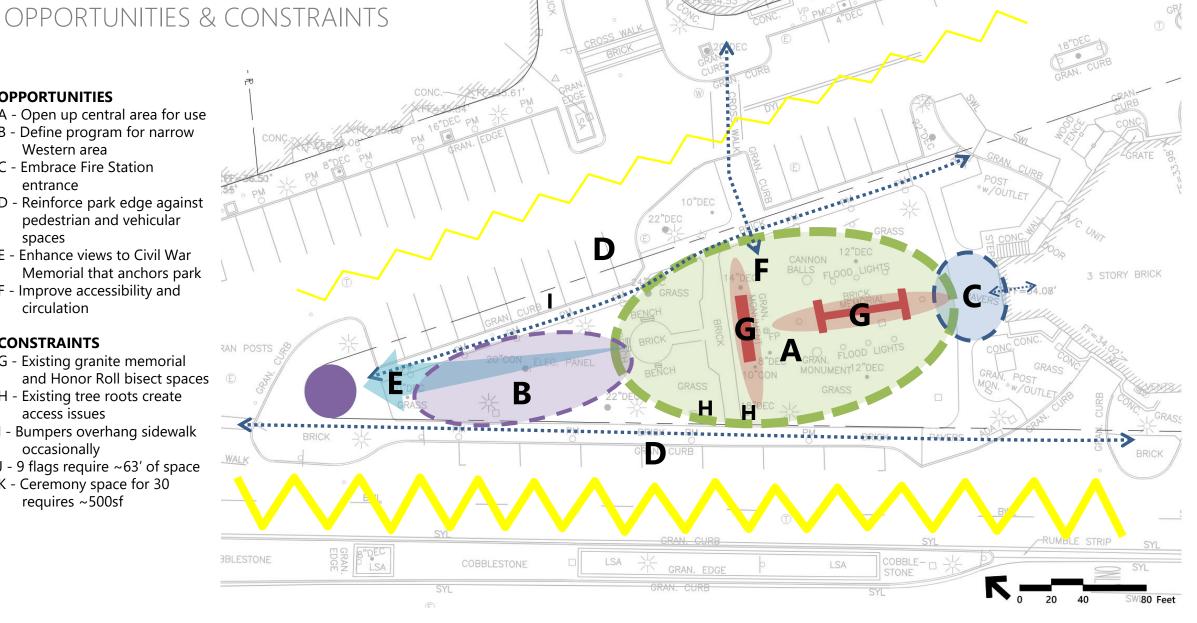


OPPORTUNITIES

- A Open up central area for use
- B Define program for narrow Western area
- C Embrace Fire Station entrance
- D Reinforce park edge against pedestrian and vehicular spaces
- E Enhance views to Civil War Memorial that anchors park
- F Improve accessibility and circulation

CONSTRAINTS

- G Existing granite memorial and Honor Roll bisect spaces
- H Existing tree roots create access issues
- I Bumpers overhang sidewalk occasionally
- J 9 flags require ~63' of space
- K Ceremony space for 30 requires ~500sf





DISCUSSION

